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vaccinated had very sore and inflamed arms, and that business was being interfered with on that account. The city authorities wished the matter settled by an officer of the Marine-Hospital Service, feeling that his diagnosis would not be questioned, and would demonstrate the necessity for the measures they had inaugurated. On the morning of the 11th instant, accompanied by the city and county physicians, I visited the pesthouse and examined the cases, finding 3 cases of varioloid, 2 of which were recovering, and the other in the third day of eruption; 1 case of variola in fifth day of eruption. I inclose herewith a copy of my report to the mayor (marked No. 1), which gives the essential facts. I was also requested to make any statement or suggestions that might be of benefit to the city. I made the suggestions inclosed (marked No. 2). I inclose other clippings from the editorial and news columns, which will show the sentiments of the people, and how the report was received. The city authorities seemed to be thoroughly satisfied, and treated me with great courtesy. I advised the establishment of a suspect hospital and detention camp in addition to the present pesthouse, and the suggestion will be adopted. The health authorities are capable and energetic, and are making a thorough canvas of the city, vaccinating all unprotected persons. I am informed that more than half the inhabitants have been vaccinated, and the work was still in progress.

Respectfully, yours,

C. P. WERTENBAKER,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., in command.

Smallpox in Johnson City, Tenn.

JOHNSON CITY, TENN., *February 15, 1898.*

SIR: Since my last report we have had 4 new cases develop here; 3 in quarantine, 2 men, recently from Middlesborough, and 1 woman that had not been away from here, but who had been in quarantine since the 29th of January, and 1 new case that slipped in here from Middlesborough and was concealed by negro friends. The authorities did not have him under guard but forty-eight hours before the eruption was universal; and for eight to twelve days he has been roaming the town at night. He lived across town from the others 1 mile, and we may have lots of cases develop from him.

I am, yours truly,

W. J. MILLER.

P. S.—Will be glad to have any suggestion you think proper. All cases are in pesthouse and guarded.

W. J. M.